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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

FIRST-NAMED INVENTOR: Daniel P. Silver

FOR: SELF-EXTINGUISHING RECOMBINASES, NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING  
THEM AND METHODS OF USING THE SAME

**MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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**REQUEST FOR FILING A CONTINUATION PATENT APPLICATION  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b)**

1. This is a request for filing a continuation patent application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b). This patent application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/834,778, filed April 12, 2001, which claims the benefit of U.S. Patent Application No. 60/196,336, filed April 12, 2000, each of which is incorporated herein by reference.
2. This application is a total of 55 pages. This application includes:
  - 41 pages of specification (not including claims, abstract, or figures)
  - 4 pages of claims
  - 1 page of abstract
  - 9 pages of Formal Drawings (Figures 1- 8)
3. A copy of a signed combined Declaration/Power of Attorney submitted in parent application USSN 09/834,778 is included (3 pages).
4. The entire disclosure of the prior application USSN 09/834,778, from which a copy of the declaration is supplied, is part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference.
5. Information Disclosure Statement PTO-1449 form including references previously disclosed in parent application USSN 09/834,778 is included (3 pages).

6. Fees associated with this application have been calculated as follows:

CLAIMS AS FILED					
Claims	Number Filed	Basic Fee Allowance	Number Extra	Rate	Basic Fee 37 C.F.R. 1.16(a) \$770.00
Total Claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(c))	34	- 20 =	14	\$18.00	\$252.00
Independent Claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b))	5	- 3 =	2	\$86.00	\$172.00
Multiple Dependent Claim(s), if any (37 C.F.R. 1.16(d))				\$290.00	\$0.00
				SUBTOTAL:	\$1194.00
				Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity:	\$597.00
				TOTAL FEE:	\$597.00

7. A check in the amount of **\$597.00** is enclosed.
8. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit overpayments or charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Ref. No. 20363-011 CON.
9. A return receipt postcard is enclosed.

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